

Dikaka language

Dikaka or **Cham**, is one of the Savanna languages of Eastern Nigeria. It is also known as **Dijim–Bwilim**, after its two dialects, Dijim and Bwilim. A tonal language, it has a whistled register.

Dialects

The two dialects are Dijim and Bwilim.^[3]

- **Dijim** [dijím], spoken in and around Kindiyo (currently Cham town)
- **Bwilim** [bwilím], spoken in and around Mɔ̀na (Mwona, Mwana)

Another related dialect is spoken by former speakers of the Jalaa language in and around Loojaa settlement.

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Dikaka	
Cham	
<i>Dijim-Bwilim</i>	
Native to	Eastern Nigeria
Native speakers	25,000 (1998) ^[1]
Language family	Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none">Atlantic–Congo<ul style="list-style-type: none">Waja–Kam<ul style="list-style-type: none">Waja<ul style="list-style-type: none">Cham–Mona<ul style="list-style-type: none">Dikaka
Dialects	Dijim (Cham, Cam) <p>Bwilim (Mwana, Mona)</p>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	cfa
Glottolog	diji1241 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/diji1241) ^[2]

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